

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner to place it into condition for allowance.

Status of the Claims

Claim 13 is amended to further include some of the preferred embodiments of page 18, lines 445-450.

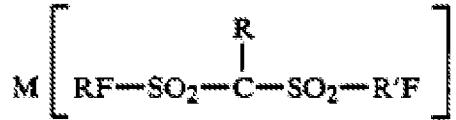
Claim 13 remains pending.

Claim Rejections-35 USC §102

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by ARMAND US 4,818,644 (ARMAND). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 13 is further amended to focus some of the preferred embodiments of page 18, lines 445-450. That is, "polyfluoroalkoxy" and "polyfluoroalkyl" are no longer included as R₂ and R₃ values. As discussed at page 12, lines 279-286, "polyfluoro" structures are those in which all the hydrogen atoms bonded to carbon atoms are substituted with fluorine atoms.

ARMAND, however, requires perhalogenated or perfluorinated groups for RF and R'F shown in the structure according to formula 1 below:



Therefore, ARMAND fails to disclose or suggest the claimed invention, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 13 was provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 12 of copending US Application No. 10/582,855.

Since the rejection is provisional, it is, again, respectfully requested that the rejection is held in abeyance until allowance of the instant application or the copending application, in accordance with US practice.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment to the claims and the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully

requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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